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Brilliant lights brighten night sky in wide area

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Brilliant, multicolored lights of unknown origin illuminated the night sky over northern and western Oklahoma, Kansas and southern Nebraska.

There was speculation that the display Wednesday was caused by a meteorite.

"Reports started coming in from all my counties — Woodward, Harper, everywhere" said Oklahoma Highway Patrol dispatcher Ken Poyer in Guymon, in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Reports of sightings of the lights came from as far north as North Platte, Neb., and as far south as Lawton in southern Oklahoma.

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"Hey! Do you wanna see a U.F.O.?"

Scientists Find Atom Particle

MADISON, Wis. (UPI) — A team of University of Wisconsin at Madison physicists has been credited with putting together the mathematical formula that helped scientists learn the existence of a previously unknown particle in the atom.

The team put together a mathematical formula used by European and Israeli scientists to demonstrate the existence of "gluons" — the elemental particles that hold atom parts together.

The university team was led by assistant Professor Sau Lan Wu. She said the discovery was a major step toward confirming modern theories of matter.

6-30-79 Bright lights sighted in sky

CHICAGO (UPI) — Witnesses reported seeing as many as 20 brightly lighted, unidentified objects Monday in southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana, the Chicago Tribune reported today.

The Tribune said the lighted objects, described by one witness as "like putting diamonds and rubies up to a very bright light," were observed near Lake Michigan.

Benton Harbor, Mich., police said they have received several other reports of the strange lighted objects in recent weeks.

Illinois men see strange lights

TEXICO, Ill. (AP) — Although unexplained, two Southern Illinois men say they won't forget the strange, bright lights that lit up the skies over Jefferson and Franklin counties.

Police, Air Force and local airport spokesmen had no explanations, but one man said he was awakened and the other scared by the bright lights.

Don Wall said he saw them near his rural Jefferson County home. Don Taylor saw them as he was driving near Rend Lake on his way to Old Ben No. 26 mine in Franklin County. Other miners on the midnight shift said they had seen them.

Wall said he saw two bright, green lights in the middle of an object that was possibly 100 feet wide. Two dimmer lights burned at the ends of the object, he added.

"They were twice as bright as a car headlight and woke me up when they shined through the windows," he said.

Taylor saw a 50-foot-wide object with a light something like that on the front of a helicopter. As it came toward him it seemed to explode "like a big jet airliner blowing up," he said.

Mount Vernon police said they had one call about the object. The sheriff's departments in the two counties had no reports.

Scott Air Force Base officials near Belleville said their 60- and 200-mile radar scans showed nothing unusual in the sky all night. A Scott spokeswoman said one airplane was landing at the base about the time of the UFO report, but pointed out the base is miles from the Texico-Benton areas.

Duty Officer Benjamin Herr of the Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Division in Kansas City said a control center near Olathe, Kan., reported a "brilliant light from the north-northwest" at about 8:35 p.m. The light, Herr said, was seen from Salina, Kan., to Ft. Worth but could not be explained.

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